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# SEEKING ONE FOR THE THUMB

Tom Brady will be looking for an unprecedented fifth ring this Sunday against the Falcons in Super Bowl LI.

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Boston sports fans have embraced this particular Patriots team like no other. GERRY IMAGES

# Metro readers predict Super Bowl LI

Go figure, most (all) of Boston thinks the Patriots are going to slam the Falcons.

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With loyalty, inevitably, comes bias. You can call Patriots fans a lot of things—rash, defensive, “friggin’ impervious to cold weatha, guy”—but disloyal isn’t one of them. On a week in which seemingly all of New England is drinking the Kool-Aid, we took to the streets of Boston, sought predictions for the Super Bowl, and gauged dissent among the ranks. Predictably, there was very little.

Here’s what Metro readers/Patriots fans had to say about how this Sunday will play out:



**Ross**

**22, Dracut**  
Atlanta's biggest thing is their receivers. I think Belichick will throw something at [Matt] Ryan he's not ready for. They're going to double up Julio [Jones], put Malcolm [Butler] on [Mohamed] Sanu. Malcolm Mitchell's going to go off. [The Falcons] are going to put all their focus on Chris Hogan, and the Pats still have their run game.

**Prediction:** Patriots, 27-16, Tom Brady MVP



**Paula**

**60, North End**  
It's all Patriots, 30-23. Personally I think it's going to be a good game, it's going to be close, but the Pats will take it by seven. I like [Danny] Amendola, and I think [Tom] Brady will have a good game — I think he throws four touchdowns. So maybe the score's going to be a little higher ... let's say 40-33."

**Prediction:** Patriots, 40-33, Tom Brady MVP



**Carl**

**63, North End**  
Patriots will win by more than three points and I really think that they'll cover the spread. Tom Brady gets the MVP award. If it's not Brady getting MVP, I don't think they win — so if not, maybe Matt Ryan on the other side. Ryan's good. He'll put up a fight and it'll be close, but I still think the Pats cover.

**Prediction:** Patriots, 27-21, Tom Brady MVP



**Kevin**

**50, Jamaica Plain**  
Take the points. I think the Pats put up 30 points. They're going to be all over Ryan; Belichick will have the game plan set. Better prepared, better strategy. If you could give the award to the coach, I think Belichick would get MVP — they've proven they can win without Brady. But Brady will probably get it."

**Prediction:** Patriots, 30-24, Tom Brady MVP

More Super Bowl picks from our readers

**Marguerite Burbine**  
**34, Boston**  
I think the Pats are going to win because:  
1. This is Tom Brady's year!  
2. Tom Brady's dad is his hero.  
3. Matt Ryan's hero is probably Tom Brady.

**Prediction:** Patriots 36, Falcons 24

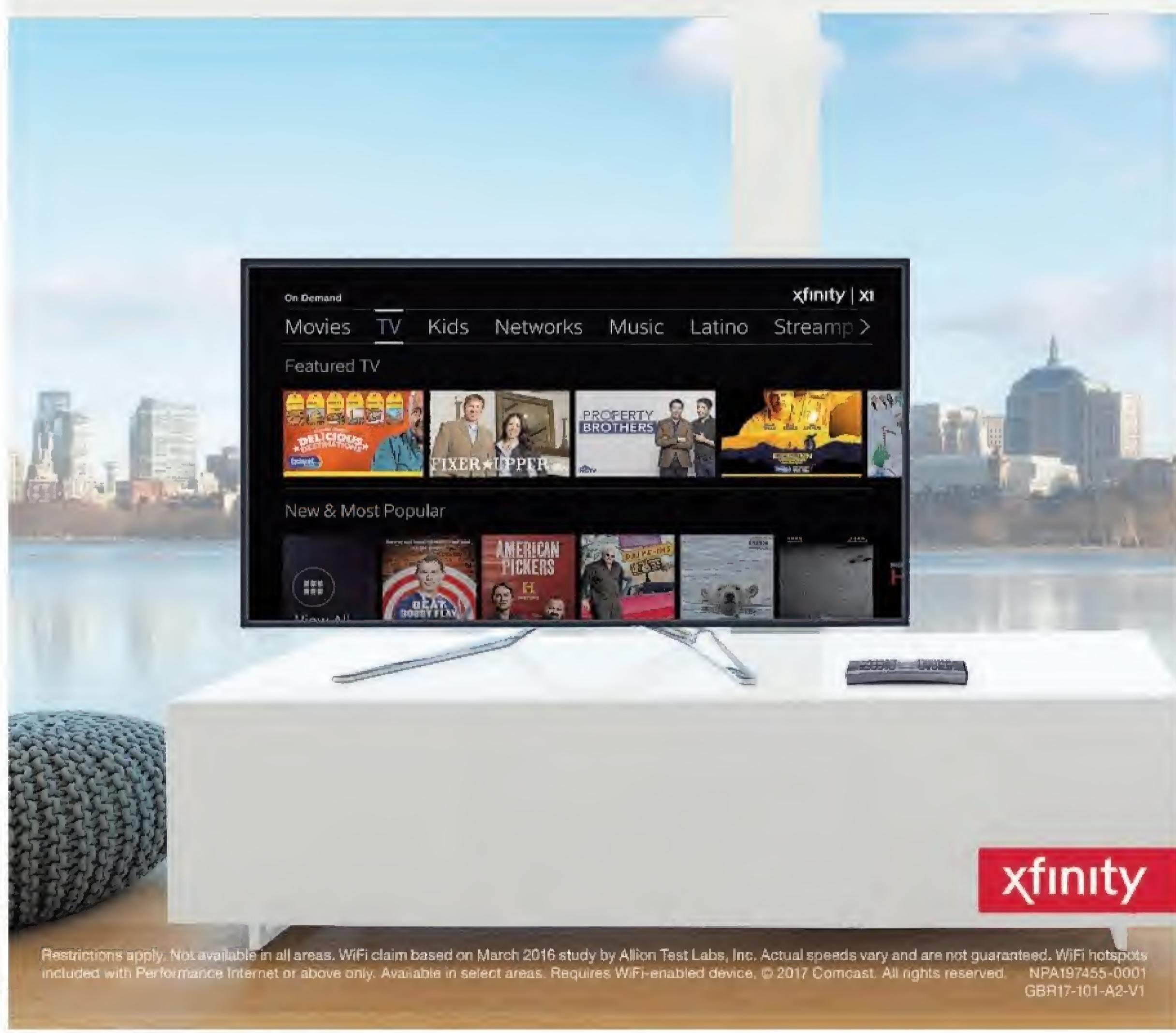
**John Peckham**,  
**70, Boston**  
The G.O.A.T. eeks out a close one over the BC kid. The G.O.A.T. goes home to Gisele with a big smile on his face. The BC kid goes back to Atlanta to practice some more.

**Prediction:** Patriots 37, Falcons 31

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# Guide to Super Bowl prop bets

History has shown that the Super Bowl is usually a pretty boring football game. This year's matchup between the Atlanta Falcons and the New England Patriots appears better on paper than most, but there is still a good chance that it'll be a stinker. For casual football fans or

those hoping to hedge their bets against a four-hour snoozefest, here are our favorite prop bets—our attempt to help you wager with your friends (or Vegas) and enjoy a little extra entertainment at 6:30 p.m. Sunday on Fox. **EVAN MACY; GRAPHIC BY BILLY BECERRA**

## Luke Bryan national anthem length: 2:09

Bryan averages less than this on YouTube, but there is expected to be a jet flyover. This a key influence on the anthem bet. He will have to get his timing perfect and will be singing deliberately and slowly.

**Our pick: over**



## Mentions of Donald Trump during broadcast: 1.5

The president is reportedly participating in the age-old tradition of pregame interviews. Knowing this president as we do, he will say something outlandish or unusual. He will also be picking the game (we are betting he picks New England). This leads us to believe he will be mentioned by Joe Buck and Troy Aikman more than once.

**Our pick: over**



## Now, finally to the game

The Falcons have one of the five most prolific offenses of all time, and the Patriots' offense is nothing to scoff at—which is why we have the highest over-under in Super Bowl history. We like the under. With two weeks for Bill Belichick to prepare for Atlanta's offense, the Pats defense should be well-prepared. Historically, the best offenses in football have failed in the big game, and more often than not the game fails to reach the over-under mark.

**Our pick: under 58 points scored**

## Tom Brady pass attempts: 37.5

We have encountered an abundance of media covering the Patriots' underrated running game. We don't buy it in the big game. Sure, the Pats will need to be multidimensional, but Bill Belichick won't have the ball



## in Dion Lewis' hands when it matters most.

We see Brady throwing and completing a bevy of short passes. He'll throw more than 37.

**Our pick: Brady throws a lot**

**Higher total: Joel Embiid points + rebounds (+6.5) or first field goal distance**

This one is complicated but awesome. Sixers star rookie center Embiid has taken the NBA by storm and has been good for 20 points and nine rebounds, nearly guaranteed. The bet spots Embiid 6.5 to his total (in Miami against the lowly Heat) and compares it to



the length of the first made field goal. The numbers would put that at a 37-yard field goal as the over under. We think the first kick will be a lengthier one, especially indoors in Houston.

**The pick: Field goal over Embiid; sorry, Process**

## Tom Brady for MVP: -110

Brady is the Super Bowl MVP favorite, and it would take a \$110 bet to win \$100 in a bet in Vegas. While the odds for the field are tantalizing (Julio Jones pays \$1,800 on a \$100 bet), Brady has won three of four Super Bowl MVPs in addition

**Lady Gaga's hair color: not blond**

Handicappers have said this year's halftime show performer will most likely adorn blond hair when she takes the stage. The odds for her hair being any color except blond are 5/2. We like those odds and the possibilities it allows.

**Our pick: Gaga goes nonblond**



to the four titles he has won. He's had a chip on his shoulder all season, and we don't see him being stopped by Atlanta.

**The pick: No. 4 for No. 12**

## Who wins?

The Patriots are three-point favorites and they have all the experience — plus



a much better defense. The Falcons have never won a Super Bowl and haven't been to one since Dirty Bird Jamal Anderson more than a decade-and-a-half ago. The NFL is due for the karmic moment that will see Roger Goodell handing the Lombardi Trophy to Robert Kraft. We like the Patriots to cover the spread.

**The pick: Patriots, -3**

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# Taste of the NFL brings together football, food and fundraising

Boston Chef Steve DiFillippo will be representing the Patriots at the fundraiser and all donations benefit the Greater Boston Food Bank.

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Before millions of people munch on nachos and wings while watching the Super Bowl this Sunday, chefs and former football stars will be raising money to help feed those less fortunate.

One out of six people in the U.S. are hungry, and Taste of the NFL, a fundraising organization that began in 1992, is working to change that.

This Saturday, Taste of

the NFL's 26th annual Party with a Purpose event brings together top chefs from each NFL city along with a former player to raise money for their hometown's food bank.

Representing Boston: Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse owner Steve DiFillippo, Culinary Director Rodney Murillo and former Patriots offensive lineman Matt Light.

"We do a lot of charity events, but this is the number one charity event in country," DiFillippo said.

Every NFL city, 32 in total, will have a table at the event, which is held at the University of Houston.

As DiFillippo cooks — he'll be serving up fresh cavatelli pasta with home-made sausage, butternut squash and truffle butter with fresh black truffles shaved on top — Light

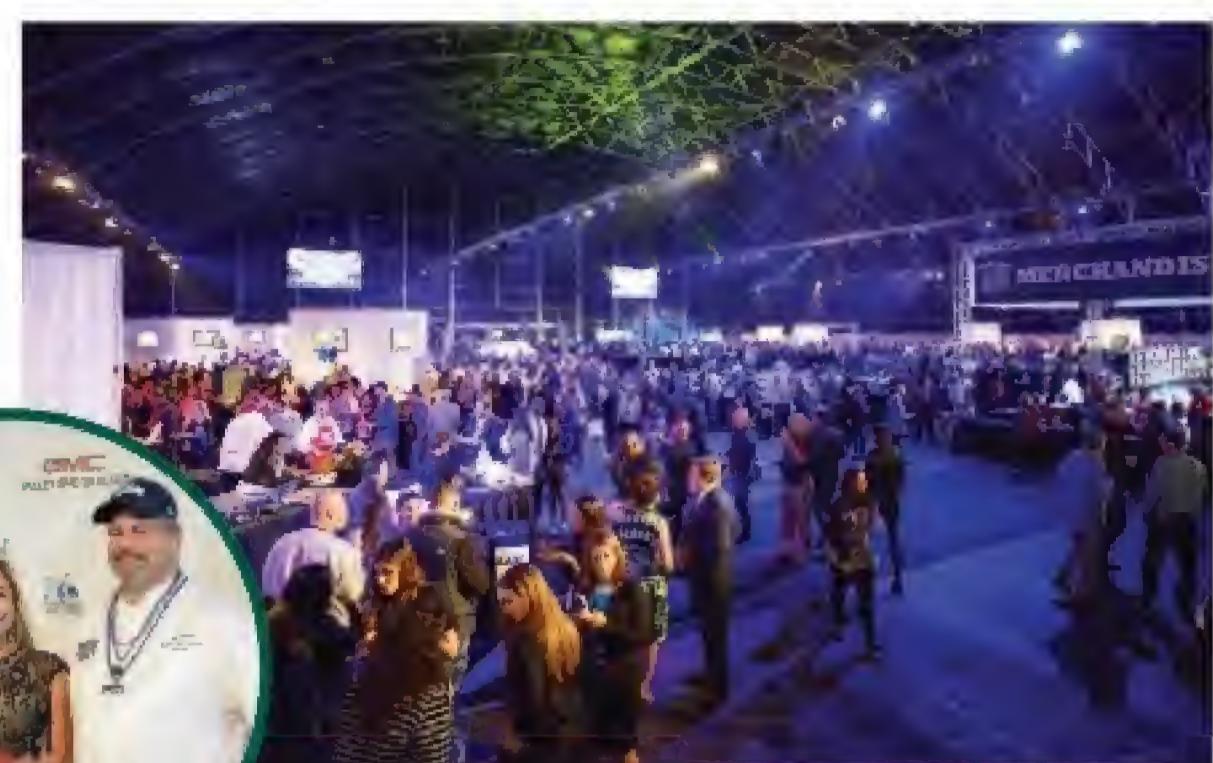
will be signing autographs and the attendees will get to enjoy the food, open bar and live performance by The Band Perry.

"It's a great event, it's raised more than \$25 million over the last 25 years," DiFillippo said. "Our money we raise goes straight to the Greater Boston Food Bank."

This is DiFillippo's sixth time representing New England at Party with a Purpose, and for three of those years, the Patriots have been in the Super Bowl. He said he may sense a bit of jealousy



The 2015 Party with a Purpose event was held in Scottsdale, Arizona. IMAGES COURTESY OF TASTE OF THE NFL



— and he also acknowledged

that the Patriots aren't so beloved outside of New England — but still, the event is fun, friendly and for a good cause.

For fans who aren't able to make it to Houston, you can still participate. Part of Taste of the NFL is the Kick Hunger Challenge, where anyone can donate online in the name of their NFL team. At [Support.tasteofthenfl.com](http://Support.tasteofthenfl.com),

donating in the name of the Patriots gives 100 percent of your gift to the Greater Boston Food Bank.

Since 2001, when Greater Boston Food Bank started to participate in the Kick Hunger Challenge, it has received a total of \$345,000 in donations. That's equal to 1,035,000 meals.

There's also one last chance to attend Party with a Purpose yourself

— oh, and you'll get airfare down to Houston and tickets to the Super Bowl, too. Light's own charity, the Light Foundation, is giving away two tickets in a raffle. Buy tickets at [Playoffraffle.com](http://Playoffraffle.com), and proceeds benefit both the Light Foundation, which provides youth leadership and outdoor learning experiences, and the Greater Boston Food Bank. The drawing will be held at 11 a.m. Friday.

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# Embrace Black History Month with dance

Alvin Ailey's artistic director talks the prestigious company's past and future.

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When Alvin Ailey founded Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in 1958, there weren't many opportunities for black dancers.

"Alvin Ailey wanted to change that, so he started the company. It represents a kind of movement not just in terms of dance, but in terms of transforming the country," says Artistic Director Robert Battle.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater won't arrive in Boston until March 17-20, but Black History Month is the perfect opportunity to consider these remarkable pieces that reflect on the past and look to the future.

Battle chats with us about the dance perfor-

mance that "awakened" him on his creative path and why the arts matter now more than ever.

**One of your pieces is being performed as well: "Awakening." Want to tell us about that?**

"Awakening" is the first work I've made for the company since I took over as artistic director. And it has to do with that moment when we're inspired by something we see or hear that creates a kind of awakening in us — that we're never the same after we see it. For me, it was seeing "Revelations" when I was growing up in Miami.

That certainly changed the trajectory of your life — seeing that Alvin



Robert Battle  
CHRISTOPHER DUGGAN

Ailey performance as a kid and now you're the artistic director of the company.



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**How would you describe "Revelations" to someone who isn't familiar with it?**  
Alvin Ailey created "Revelations" in 1960. It's a sweep of spirituals that celebrates the experiences of African-Americans in this country and how we overcame the atrocities of hate

through faith in God. No matter what your religious belief or background or where you're from, audiences receive this universal message of hope. It really influenced the trajectory of modern dance. We close most programs with that because it's the most requested work.

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**With the volatility in our country right now, why are the arts important?**

You can learn more about your history and the survival of a people through the arts than you would in a textbook. This is especially true for dance. It has a way of being ambiguous. Often where words falter — because words can be so polarizing — dance has a way of being just abstract enough so that a person can receive the message without feeling like you're attacking their way of life or what they think.

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**ABUSE CHARGE****Revere police officer resigns amid child abuse charges**

A Revere police officer accused of beating his girlfriend's 5-year-old child has resigned.

Marcos Garcia, 32, of Saugus, is charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery on a child causing injury in the Jan. 12 beating of his girlfriend's young son.

Garcia pleaded not guilty to the charges and was released on \$5,000 bail.

The girlfriend, Angela Halcovich, also a Revere police officer, allowed the beating to continue, according to Suffolk County Assistant District Attorney Alissa Goldhaber.

Halcovich was arraigned in Chelsea District Court on two counts of aggravated assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. She was also charged with two counts of assault and battery on a child under the theory of wantonly or recklessly allowing another person to commit assault and battery on a child.

**Police: Family busted for running 'sophisticated' meth lab**

Authorities said the group ran the operation out of the Plymouth home.

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It was an operation Walter White might envy, until it all went bad.

Plymouth police busted a drug-dealing family that ran a "sophisticated laboratory" manufacturing methamphetamine, authorities said.

Seven people were arrested, ranging in age from 18 to 41, in the sting at the Plymouth home on Wednesday. A juvenile boy was among those charged, but was not found to be directly connected to the manufacturing operation, police said.

The raid was the culmination of a months-long investigation by local and federal agents into the making and selling of the drug. And unlike the show, "Breaking Bad," this was real life.

"During the search of the home a sophisti-



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cated laboratory, along with many items and materials were located throughout the residence that were being used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine," police said.

Investigators said they found a large amount of the methamphetamine packaged as if ready for sale. They also discovered pills and psilocybin mushrooms in the home, they said.

Those arrested were

each charged with possession of a Class B substance and with conspiracy.

Arrested were Richard Pearson, 41, who was held on \$100,000 bail, along with Casey Hamilton, 38, and Stephanie Dubis, 39, who were both held on \$10,000 bail. David Hill, 20, was held on \$5,000 bail. Kianna Pearson, 19, and an 18-year-old female who was not named were each held on \$1,000 bail.

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# Yemeni-Americans shut hundreds of shops in NY City to protest travel ban



A Yemeni business owner closes the gate to his store on Thursday in the New York borough of Brooklyn. GETTY IMAGES

Hundreds of New York City bodegas, grocery stores and restaurants owned by Yemeni Americans closed for hours on Thursday in protest against President Donald Trump's immigration policies, organizers said.

Loyal patrons who rely on the stores for staples of daily life had to look elsewhere for lunch after more than 1,000 locations shut their doors from noon to 8 p.m. in a move coordinated by groups including the Muslim Community Network and the Yemeni-American Community.

Bodega, a Spanish word meaning wine shop, is New York City slang for small stores selling everything from deli foods to newspapers and cat litter.

"We want to send the message that we're here," said Sulaiman Alaodyi, a 24-year-old cashier at the Best and Tasty deli in the Bronx, a bodega that is normally open around the clock. This was the first time it closed its doors since it started business

*"We want to send the message that we're here."*

Alaodyi

nine months ago.

The protests followed the decision by Trump's administration to put a four-month hold on letting refugees into the United States and to temporarily bar travelers from Yemen, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Somalia.

The order, which is being challenged in U.S. courts, left some travelers stranded and others held at airports on arrival. It provoked an outpouring of anger and dismay from immigrants, refugees and supporters.

Many store owners and workers who shut up shop were going to rally and hold public sundown prayers outside Brooklyn Borough Hall.

"They make the bomb sandwiches," Radoncic said of Golden Deli. "This is like the best deli out here. Trump is a jerk."

brothers and sisters who are detained in airports and in other countries that can't get back," Alaodyi said. "This is just not fair."

New York City is home to many immigrants from Yemen, a country of about 24 million in the Arabian Peninsula. Many live in Brooklyn, but some are in Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx.

Golden Deli, a Yemeni-owned bodega in Manhattan, was swelling with customers who picked up early lunches before it closed. Nermin Radoncic, 22, walked up shortly after workers pulled down the shutters at noon.

Radoncic, who lives nearby but is moving to Queens, was disappointed he could not buy a pastrami and Swiss sandwich on his last day in the neighborhood. But he said he supported the protest.

"They make the bomb sandwiches," Radoncic said of Golden Deli. "This is like the best deli out here. Trump is a jerk."

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# Let's laugh at Trump

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In "The Comedian," Leslie Mann plays a down-and-out woman who befriends Robert De Niro's Jackie, a former sitcom star who's struggling to eke by.

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Robert De Niro and Leslie Mann talk "The Comedian" and trying to stay sane.

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You know who's been funny these last few months? Robert De Niro. Before the election, the serious two-time Oscar-winner went viral with a deeply cathartic video in which he angrily railed against Trump, calling him "stupid," "a bulls—artist," "a mutt" and many more. The night before the inauguration, he participated in a Central Park protest, where he read fake Trump tweets. He should do stand-up.

We at least get to see him do that in "The Comedian." In the new dramedy, he plays Jackie, a former sitcom star who's fallen on hard times. While doing community service at

a soup kitchen (long story), he befriends Leslie Mann's Harmony, a volatile woman in her own bad patch.

De Niro and Mann spoke to us about the importance of comedy right now, fearing stand-up and dealing with PC culture.

**Speaking of comedy, Mr. De Niro, you got a lot of laughs speaking at the anti-Trump protest the other week.**

**Leslie Mann:** I didn't see that!

**Robert De Niro:** It was me saying, very simply, "F— you."

[Laughs]

I didn't check to see if Trump actually sent retaliatory tweets, like he does to people like Meryl Streep who criticize him.

**Mann:** Such a douchebag.

**Comedy is really important now, be-**

**cause it's therapeutic and a good way of combating Trump's actions, keeping them in the conversation.**

**Mann:** It's good to find a funny angle on things, even though things are so awful. You need to find a way to

laugh at it. Judd [Apatoe, her husband] does that. He does stand-up, and he



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## Politically incorrect

De Niro's character is an insult comic, and his jokes are very un-PC. As a progressive liberal, I feel that we as a society can be a bit too touchy at times.

**Mann:** At Crossroads, where my kids go to school, they teach them about "micro-aggressions." They can't say anything. Everything offends someone. They feel trapped. They're not able to express their thoughts because they're afraid of offending someone.

**How do they deal with it?**

**Mann:** They just get mad about it [laughs] — but at home.

talks about Trump in a way that says exactly how he feels, but is also really funny. I guess it's an easier pill to swallow.

**De Niro:** I agree. What Alec Baldwin does is great. I read a story by this guy Eliot Cohen in the Atlantic. He was an advisor to Condoleezza Rice. He pretty much sums up how outrageous this whole thing is, what this guy has done, how he lies, every offense.

If you've ever seen a comic completely bomb before, it's one of the most painful things you can witness. It seems terrifying to go on stage.

**De Niro:** It's hard. You have to have the right material. I worked on this material, but it wasn't like I worked on it for years and had it all there. I don't know how to deal with a heckler. That takes a lot of experience. I did OK [chuckles], but you just have to get through it.

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# 'Considering Matthew Shepard' comes to Symphony Hall

The critically-acclaimed production will provoke thought, and inspire.

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Austin-based vocal ensemble Conspirare is coming to Boston. The Grammy-winning group, led by conductor Craig Hella Johnson, will perform "Considering Matthew Shepard" at Symphony Hall on Feb. 5.

Composed by Johnson himself, "Considering Matthew Shepard" is a three-part oratorio inspired by the death of Matthew Shepard, who was brutally beaten, tortured and left for dead in a Wyoming field in 1998.

Shepard's sexual orientation was thought to have been a motivating factor in his murder, and the incident became one of the most well-known hate crimes in recent history, prompting mass me-



The group has a "Best Surround Sound Album" nom ahead of them for this year's Grammys. INSTAGRAM/@CONSPIRARETX

dia coverage, hate-crime legislation and myriad artistic expressions.

We spoke with John-

son, and asked him what his piece adds to the conversation.

"It's all in the title,"

Johnson says. "I think of the piece as a singing meditation. It's certainly about Matt Shepard, but

it's also very much about the listener, inviting them to contemplate — how do we respond to these dark, confounding realities in life?"

If past performances are any indication, Boston audiences will find light in the darkness. This is not a piece that sacrifices redemptive power for tragic content.

"What's been interesting," Johnson continues, "is that every time we perform I get a response from audience members of fullness and healing — some have even said hope and joy — so it doesn't just leave Matt at the fence."

That is something Johnson has harped on a lot over the last year. The symbolism of "Matt at the fence" — Shepard was tied to a fence, in Christ-like fashion, by his tormentors — is powerful, but it's not an end in itself. Rather, it's a means, a catalyst, for renewal.

Shepard's story resonated deeply and personally with Johnson.

## If you go

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His composition process included interviews with Shepard's parents, as well as access to Shepard's personal journal — quotes from which appear verbatim in the production.

The result — where musical-talent-meets-deep-personal-commitment-meets-noble-cause — is, fittingly, the Grammy nomination for "Best Surround Sound Album" in 2017. For Johnson, though, it's about the process, and the people.

"It's sacred ground to walk on," Johnson says. "Really, any association with Matt, and with all these people who have come forth is a great privilege, and an honor."

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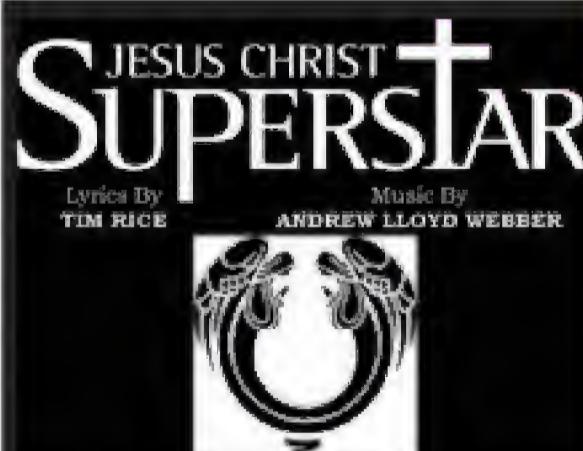
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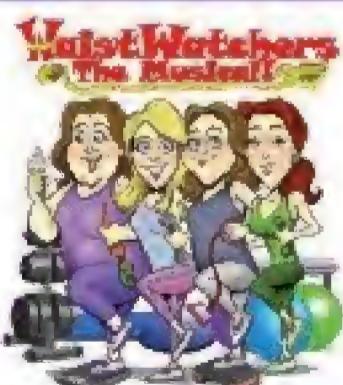
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# How TJ Connelly gets Pats fans on their feet

Do your job — and make some noise.

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Whether you know it or not, chances are you've attended an event deejayed by TJ Connelly. After all, he's been the DJ in residence for Red Sox games at Fenway Park since 2005, and just completed his third season in that same role for New England Patriots games at Gillette Stadium.

For audiences of tens of thousands, Connelly has curated the soundtrack of championship parades, clinches, comebacks and scores of other sports memories (and probably some forgettable moments, too). Every party host knows there's a unique alchemy to keeping visitors entertained and engaged, but that's just a day at the office for Connelly.

Patriots invited him



TJ the DJ can be found in his booth at Pats' home games. PROVIDED

for a tryout with the team during a prime time matchup against the Denver Broncos. The Pats fell into a deep hole, inspiring Connelly to blast Daft Punk's "Get Lucky," that year's monster single, throughout the stadium. After the Patriots got lucky enough to complete the titanic comeback and win the game in overtime, they invited Connelly to join the organization.

"TJ the DJ," who spun for the legendary inde-

pendent radio station WFNX and can now be heard on college stations WZBC and WMBR, characterizes the art of deejaying a sporting event as something between a party and a mixtape. If you play something the crowd loves, they let you know. But he finds the opposite to be true, too.

"If you play something and it kills the energy, you can feel it," he says. "And you can feel it times 68,000 people. It's basi-

cally like your job is being a transistor for the crowd — [you] take what they're giving you and amplify it."

Connelly believes that to do his job well, he needs to maintain the perspective of a fan, joking, "I don't want to start thinking of Tom Brady as 'The guy who throws the football at work,' you know?"

Connelly spends hours and even days formulating

ing plans to heighten the experience for both Fenway and Foxboro faithful. Sometimes it pays off big, like two weeks ago during the AFC Championship Game at Gillette, when even Tom Brady and Bill Belichick admitted to enjoying a massive crowd singalong to Bon Jovi's "Living on a Prayer."

Connelly will be watching Sunday's matchup from his couch at home, but listen closely: You should be able to hear some of the team's favorite hits in Houston. Connelly provided Super Bowl organizers with a selection of the team's signature tunes to be played in key moments.

Like all New England fans, TJ the DJ is hoping to have cause to celebrate on Sunday night. If the football goes well, he'll get another opportunity to play hits for an excited crowd, and unite a community through music. As he says, "That's a lot of what it's for, right?"

TJ the DJ's Super Bowl playlist for Pats fans

The songs you'll want to play for every moment this Sunday.

Tom Brady takes the field "Public Service Announcement (Interlude)," Jay Z It's the star QB's traditional entry music.

The Patriots score "This Is Our House," Bon Jovi The team's official TD song since 2009 comes courtesy of Bill's longtime pal.

Martellus Bennett makes a clutch grab "I Wanna Dance with Somebody," Whitney Houston The TE made it his pom-pom song at the AFC title game.

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The Pats clinch their latest Super Bowl win "One More Time," Daft Punk Isn't it obvious?



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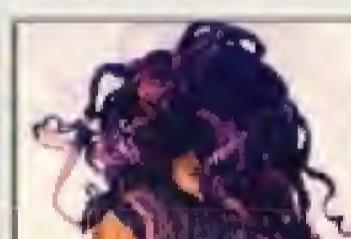
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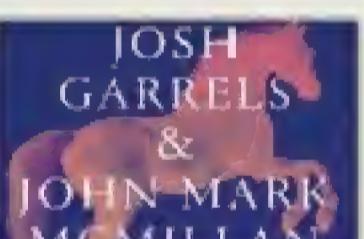
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# 3 Things to watch for as Pats face the Falcons in Super Bowl LI

The Patriots face the Falcons in the biggest football game of the year.

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We meet again, Super Bowl.

It's easy to take for granted just how impressive this run has been for the Patriots, and the case can be made that the era of Bill Belichick and Tom Brady is the greatest dynasty in sports history, win or lose.

Sunday will mark the organization's ninth Super Bowl appearance, and seventh with Belichick and Brady (which is an NFL record among players). Brady, 39, sees no end in sight in terms of his playing career. And who are we to question how much longer he can perform at this level? He's proved every doubter wrong to this point.

Also, with a win on Sunday — after everything the Patriots and Brady have been through regarding Deflategate — would mean a heck of a lot, even when you consider they've already won a Super Bowl since the Deflategate nonsense began in early 2015.

The Falcons are the one team left standing in their way. While the Patriots have plenty of offense on their side, they took a more balanced approach to reaching this point, finishing with top defense based on points allowed. Atlanta, on the other hand, ranked 27th in that category, allowing 25.4 points per game. That's the second-most ever by a team to reach the Super Bowl, according to ESPN.

Whether or not defense really does win championships can be debated, but this stat also courtesy of ESPN has to make Patriots fans feel better:

Super Bowl LI will be the sixth Super Bowl since the 1970 merger where the top-scoring offense (Falcons) meets the top-scoring defense

(Patriots) from the regular season. The top-scoring defense has won four of the five previous meetings.

## 1 Zig when they zag

Tom Brady and Matt Ryan had the two best seasons among NFL quarterbacks and remain two of the top quarterbacks in the NFL. Lots of fans think this will be a shootout — Brady vs. Ryan — and the last QB who has the ball will throw the game-winning touchdown. If the Patriots win, all Patriots fans undoubtedly want to see Brady named Super Bowl MVP, so that NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is forced to hand him the trophy. But Brady may not win game MVP. The Patriots have turned to the run more this season than any other since 2010, with LeGarrette Blount finishing second in the NFL in carries (299) and first in

rushing touchdowns (18). As previously mentioned, the Falcons defense is not great, and they allowed 4.6 yards per

ball almost 47 percent of the time this season, and it would not be a surprise if they turned to it again — especially with Dion Lewis now fully in the mix. Whether it's a run up the gut with Blount or a quick out with Lewis or James White, expect the running backs to have a huge say in the outcome of this game.

In fact, you may want to throw a little cash on their MVP odds.

## 2 Keeping up with Mr. Jones

There is absolutely no doubt that Julio Jones' ability. The 6-foot-3, 220-pound wide receiver has shown the ability to single-handedly tear apart secondaries. Just ask the Green Bay Packers in the NFC Championship Game, when Jones caught nine passes for 180 yards and two touchdowns. Jones feasted, but despite how talented he is, he shouldn't expect those numbers on Sunday. The truth is, the Patriots have been able to limit stud receivers all season long. There were just four receivers who eclipsed 100 receiving yards in a game against the Pats this season, with 106 being the most.

Whether it's been Malcolm Butler, Logan Ryan, or safety help over the top, New England's second-

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Patriots 41, Falcons 34

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ary is a big reason why they led the league in points allowed. But here's big stat courtesy of ESPN: The Falcons are 7-1 in games Jones has been held to under 100 yards and 5-0 in games that he's been held to under 50 yards. The Falcons are not a one-trick pony. With weapons like Mohamed Sanu, Taylor Gabriel, and Devonta Freeman — Matt Ryan has plenty of options. No wonder they finished with the No. 1 offense in the NFL.

## 3 One mistake, one too many

You can usually tell the mark of a good football team by looking at their giveaway/takeaway stats. Sure enough, the Patriots and Falcons finished third (plus-12) and fourth (plus-11), respectively, in that category this year (the Jets were last, minus-20). When it comes to turning the ball over, the Patriots and Falcons were tied for the fewest with 11. That being said, protecting the rock is paramount on Sunday, as the team that turns it over may not get one back. Brady has surprisingly thrown two interceptions in the postseason, matching his number from the entire regular season. Ryan, meanwhile, has not thrown an interception since Dec. 4, and has a 7-0 touchdown to interception ratio in the playoffs. Does Malcolm Butler have another big interception in him?



Atlanta's Julio Jones had 180 yards receiving and two touchdowns against the Packers in the NFC Championship game. GETTY IMAGES



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## OPINION



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I'm going to warn you: This is a prediction piece. So if you don't like predictions, stop reading. Especially if you're looking for somebody to give the Falcons a chance to upset the Patriots.

Yes, I said "upset." If the Falcons are hoisting that Lombardi Trophy when it's all said and done on Sunday in Houston, it will be an unexpected turn of events.

The Patriots have been a three-point favorite in this game from the start. But forget about the spread. You don't need to give me the odds to tell me what I already know: The Patriots will win and they will cover.

Any other result will be an upset.

I feel this way because I don't envision any scenario in which Atlanta's defense slows down Tom Brady. Not one.

Of the three defenses the Patriots will have faced this postseason, the Falcons' is by far the worst of the three. Houston had one of the best defenses in the NFL, and yet, the Patriots still scored 34 points in the divisional round. Pittsburgh's defense was mediocre all-around, at best, and Brady carved them up for 384 pass yards and three touchdowns.

Now, it's Atlanta's defense that's trying to prevent the Patriots from putting up 30-plus points for the first time since Week 15. If the statistics mean anything at all — and they do — then the Falcons won't be the team to pull that off.



Expect Tom Brady to have a monster day against a suspect Atlanta secondary. GETTY IMAGES

Atlanta's pass defense ranked 28th in the league during the regular season, allowing 267 yards in the air per game. And it's not like you get better after your top cornerback

— Desmond Trufant — suffers a season-ending injury in November.

Now, the Falcons shut out Green Bay in the first half of the NFC title game, and in both of their playoff wins, the Falcons' pass rush has shown an ability to get to the quarterback. Which, as you know, is the blueprint to being competitive against the Patriots. But there are a couple factors that make Atlanta's recent defensive performances somewhat deceiving. First and foremost, both of those playoff wins over Seattle and Green Bay were in Atlanta.

Don't tell me that home field with that crowd noise wasn't an advantage for the Falcons' D-line in those games. Also, the Seahawks and Packers had plenty of offensive line issues this season.

Fair to say that the Patriots don't have that problem. They had serious offensive-line struggles last year, but now they're healthy, and Dante Scarnecchia has unretired. And for most of this season, we haven't really been talking about New England's O-line.

Jadeveon Clowney was able to create some havoc in the divisional round, but

## Super Bowl week notes

For those hoping a member of the Belichick family will coach the Patriots through the year 2017, you might not get your wish. Bill Belichick's son Steve, the Pats' current safeties coach, dismissed the idea of being a head coach — at least in the near future. "Not today," Steve said. "I wouldn't be happy being a head coach today."

that's a testament to how physically dominant and athletic he is. I don't see the same type of talent on the Falcons' front.

Atlanta's secondary is one of the worst in football, so Brady is set up to have a big day in Houston. He's going to have his way with the Falcons' D, and he should be able to do whatever he wants.

That means Matt Ryan will need to have a perfect game if he wants a chance to win his first championship.

And I've got news for you: That's not going to happen.

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# Pats capable of strong ground attack

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Everybody who follows the NFL knows that it's a quarterback-driven league.

In almost all cases, we'll see at least one top quarterback in the Super Bowl every year. This year, we have two - Tom Brady and Matt Ryan, both of whom have put together MVP-type seasons.

And they have plenty of weapons at their disposal.

Though years ago the NFL was more of a run-heavy league than it is now, the Patriots have shifted towards a passing offense for quite some time — after all, they do employ arguably the best quarterback in the history of the NFL. But despite Brady's impressive season in which he continues to laugh in the face of Father Time, he's had more help

from his backs than he has in a while.

The Patriots are depending on the run much more than they have in past years, led by workhorse LeGarrette Blount.

The Patriots' 482 rushing attempts this season were third-highest in the NFL, with Ezekiel Elliott and the Cowboys leading the way with 499. New England finished with 1,872 rushing yards, seventh-most in the NFL.

The Patriots ran the ball on 46.71 percent of their plays (fifth highest in NFL), a high percentage for them but one that keeps defenses guessing a lot more often.

It's the highest percentage for the Patriots since 2010, when they ran the ball 47.24 percent of the time, per Sportingcharts.com. Last season, they came in at 37.85 percent, the 26th lowest in the NFL, due to injuries to both Dion Lewis and Blount.

Focusing on the run more has translated to more first downs on the ground, where 30.98 percent of first downs are due



LeGarrette Blount and Dion Lewis had only 58 yards rushing combined against Pittsburgh. GETTY IMAGES

to the run, the highest Patriots percentage since 2012, and more than 7 percent higher than last season.

A big reason is Blount, who has remained healthy all season, finishing with the second-most carries in the NFL (299) and eighth-most yards (1,161). He led the NFL with 18 touchdowns, and became the go-to guy for the Pats at the 1-yard line,

where he pounded in 11 touchdowns this season.

In fact, according to ESPN, of the 20 plays the Patriots ran from the one-yard line or less, only one of them was a pass, two were failed QB sneaks, and 17 were Blount hand-offs.

Defenses know what's coming at them at the goal line — the question is whether or not they can stop the 250-pound

Blount, who has been known to carry entire defenses on his back (just ask the Steelers). But while Blount may be the goal line guy, his fellow backs — Lewis and James White — are also extremely important to what the Patriots do.

White has become one of the best receiving backs in the NFL, believe it or not, as he finished the season tied for first among all

running backs in receiving touchdowns (5), and third in targets (86), receptions (60), and receiving yards (551) — behind two guys named David Johnson and Le'Veon Bell. Not bad company to be in. He's also showed up in blocking.

Lewis spent the majority of the season rehabbing from a second knee surgery, but the lightning quick back has proven that regardless of how he gets the ball, once it's in his hands, look out. Lewis averaged 4.4 yards per carry once he returned this season, and is the perfect complement to Blount.

The three-headed battlefield monster that the Patriots go into Super Bowl LI with is rare to have. Yes, the game will ultimately fall on how Brady runs the offense, but the Falcons allowed 4.6 yards per carry this season, 26th-worst in the NFL. The Patriots have counted on their running backs all season long, and you can bet that will continue in Houston.

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## NOTICE AND ORDER:

## Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

Docket No. SU16P2233GD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

In the interests of **Serge Brignolle of Mattapan, MA** Minor

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street

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## NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 10/07/2016 by Marie M Duge of Mattapan, MA will be held 02/27/2017, 09:00 AM Motion Located 24 New Chardon Street, 3rd Fl., Boston, MA 02114
2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: January 9, 2017

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Docket No. SU13P2727

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THE TRIAL COURT

PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Estate of: Thomas J. Naughton

Date of Death: October 6, 2013

Suffolk Division

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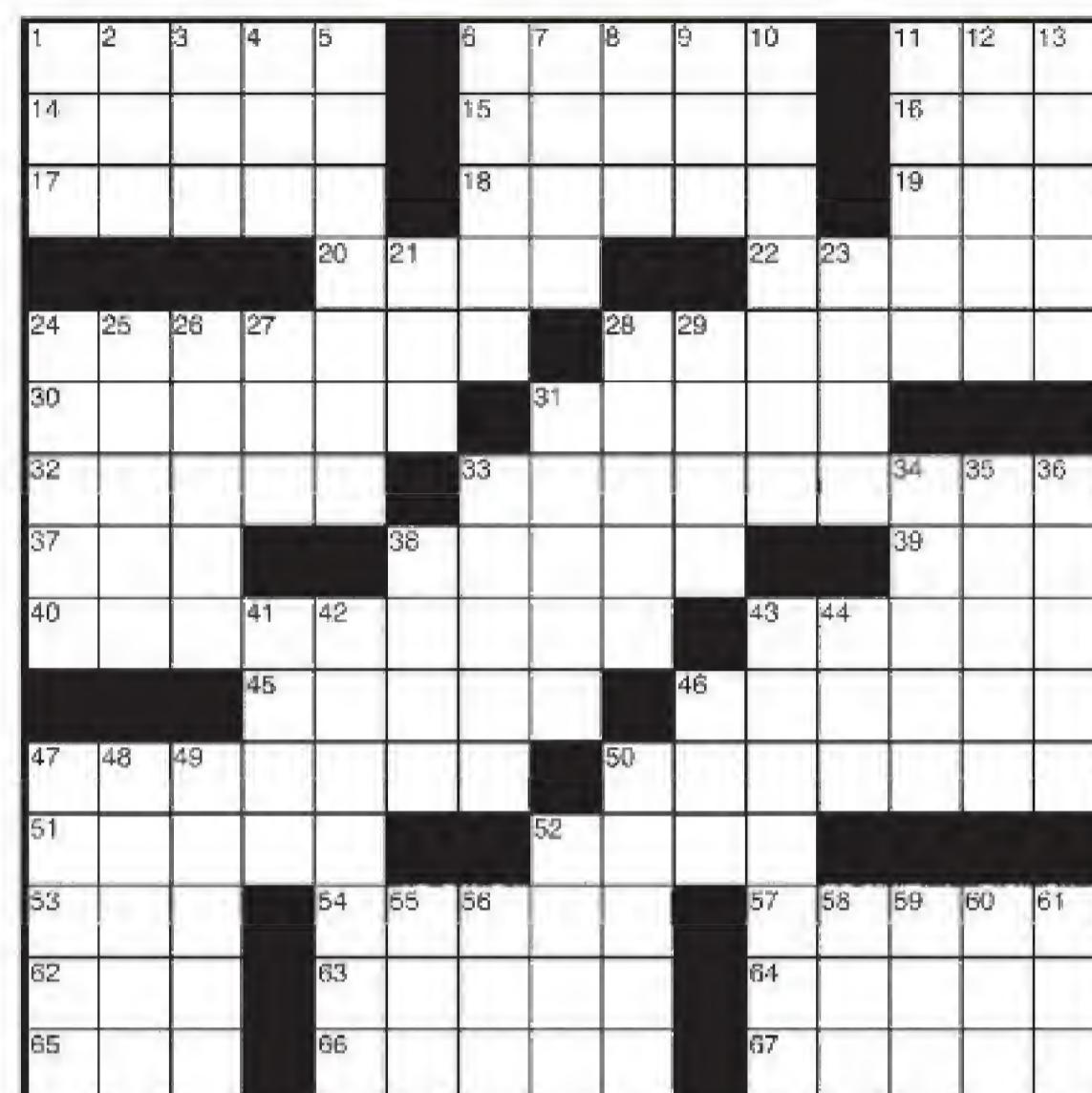
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**Aries** Don't leap before you look. Your desire to get things done quickly needs to be handled correctly and channeled efficiently. Know your boundaries.



**Taurus** Your emotions must be controlled. Delve into a creative project that will help you avoid a showdown with someone trying to disrupt your plans.



**Gemini** Listen to what's being said or offered, but don't assume you are being told the whole truth. Dig deep and make your own assessment before you take action.



**Cancer** Let your imagination take charge when it comes to creative projects, but not when it comes to dealing with others. Making an assumption will lead to trouble.



**Leo** A problem will surface if you are too open. Closely observe what's going on and learn from what others say and do. Information will give you power to excel.



**Virgo** Mingle and meet new people. Get involved in pursuits that lead to greater personal growth. Open discussions will influence your future.



**Libra** Pay more attention to what's going on at home. Review your personal papers and finances, and discuss issues with anyone who will be affected by changes.



**Scorpio** Live your life your way. Don't fear being different. It's your unique nature and mysterious ways that make you so attractive. Embrace who you are.



**Sagittarius** Reconnect with someone you have enjoyed working with in the past. An opportunity to meld the past with the present will result in a brighter future.



**Capricorn** Tender, loving care will be valuable when it comes to home and family. Make amends with anyone who has been disgruntled or is feeling left out.



**Aquarius** Keeping a steady pace will ensure that you don't lose sight of your goals, even if someone puts an emotional block in front of you. Be strong and do your own thing.



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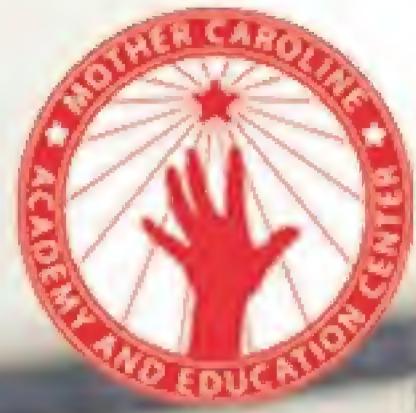


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